

VI. Read the passage, then choose the correct answer.

Many people now think that teachers give students too much homework. They say that it is unnecessary for children to work at home in their free time.

Moreover, they argue that most teachers do not properly plan the homework tasks they give to students. The result is that students have to repeat tasks which they have already done at school.

Most people agree that homework is unfair. A student who can do his homework in a quiet and comfortable room is in a much better position than a student who does his homework in a small, noisy room with the television on. Some parents help their children with their homework. Other parents take no interest at all in their children's homework.

It is important, however, that teachers talk to parents about homework. A teacher should suggest suitable tasks for parents to do with their children. Parents are often better at teaching their own children!

1. According to the writer,

- a. many parents would like their children to have less homework.
- b. homework is unnecessary for children.
- c. students should do a lot of work in their leisure time.
- d. teachers used to give their students less homework

2. According to many parents,

- a. most homework is difficult
- b. their children have to plan the homework tasks.
- c. most teachers do not properly plan the homework tasks
- d. most teachers give old homework

3. Students

- a. can do their homework better in a quiet room.
- b. can not do their homework without their parents' help.
- c. can do their homework better in a noisy room.
- d. do not have any homework now.

4. Only a small number of people

- a. can help their children with their homework.
- b. take interest in their children's homework.
- c. agree that homework is unnecessary.
- d. think that homework is fair.

5. According to the passage, teachers should

- a. advise parents about how to work together with their children at home.
- b. plan the homework tasks more carefully.
- c. allow students to stay at school to do their homework.
- d. not give their students too much homework.

VII. Fill in each blank with the appropriate word from the box

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In the first year of lower secondary (1) _____ I had some difficulties in learning English. My (2) _____ of English words was really bad and my English grammar was worse. I did not know how to (3) _____ them. One afternoon (4) _____ the lesson, my teacher of English told me to wait for her outside the classroom. She (5) _____ me to the school library and showed me cassettes of pronunciation practices kept in a glass (6) _____. She also told me how to use an English-English (7) _____ to improve my English pronunciation and grammar. "Now I think you know what you (8) _____ do," said she. I did not know that only one (9) _____ later I would win the first prize in the English speaking contest (10) _____ for secondary school students in my hometown.